

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed February 4, 2008, claims 1-9 were rejected. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1. Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment and the below-provided remarks. No claims have been added or canceled.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakano et al. (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0128768A1, hereinafter Nakano). Additionally, claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakano in view of Park et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,847,889, hereinafter Park). However, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are patentable over Nakano and Park for the reasons provided below.

Independent Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended to particularly point out that “a database is provided which contains for each coordinate field of the search area a data record with a description of the current coordinate field and a description of the next coordinate field to be located in order to reach the destination.” Support for the amendment is found in Applicant’s specification at, for example, paragraphs [0029] and [0030]. As amended claim 1 recites

“An arrangement for navigation to predetermined destinations within a search area, which is divided up by means of a linear system of coordinates into coordinate fields, wherein, by means of automatic positioning at predetermined time intervals, that coordinate field is determined in which the arrangement is situated, wherein a database is provided which contains for each coordinate field of the search area a data record with a description of the current coordinate field and a description of the next coordinate field to be located in order to reach the destination, wherein the arrangement displays from the database to a user, who has input one of the predetermined destinations into the arrangement, the description of each new coordinate field as it is reached and the description of the next coordinate field provided for reaching the destination.” (emphasis added).

In contrast to claim 1, Nakano discloses that a database is provided which contains data records for some coordinate fields of a search area with a description of the current coordinate field and a description of the next coordinate field to be located in order to reach the destination. In particular, Nakano discloses a database that includes (1)

a road to travel; (2) an intersection as the next guide point; (3) a distance from the current position to the next guide point; and (4) a direction of travel at the next guide point (see paragraphs [0085-0089] of Nakano). Although Nakano discloses that the database includes information that is specific to the route to be taken, Nakano does not disclose that a database is provided which contains a data record for each coordinate field of the search area with a description of the current coordinate field and a description of the next coordinate field to be located in order to reach the destination.

Although Nakano does disclose that “the route guide information has to include other data in consideration of a case where the vehicle may go out of the recommended road,” (paragraph [0084] last sentence), Nakano still does not disclose that a description of the current coordinate field and a description of the next coordinate field to be located in order to reach the destination is provided for each coordinate field of the search area.

Because Nakano does not disclose that a database is provided which contains data record for each coordinate field of the search area with a description of the current coordinate field and a description of the next coordinate field to be located in order to reach the destination, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 1 is not anticipated by Nakano.

Dependent Claims 2-9

Claims 2-9 are dependent on claim 1. Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 2-9 are allowable at least based on an allowable claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and the remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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